

desire to do for others while expecting nothing in return."

Preparation includes twice-monthly training programs in which they have live drills, study the latest videos featuring the latest in fire-fighting tactics, as well as attend seminars where they can obtain the knowledge they need to save lives. Within a year of becoming a volunteer firefighter, most attend the Tennessee Fire Training School in Murfreesboro where they undergo further, intensified training.

When the residents of my district go to bed at night, they know that should disaster strike and their home catch fire, well-trained and qualified volunteer fire departments are ready and willing to give so graciously and generously of themselves. This peace of mind should not be taken for granted.

By selflessly giving of themselves, they ensure a safer future for us all. We owe these volunteer fire departments a debt of gratitude for their service and sacrifice.

IN HONOR OF G. NELSON PERRY  
OF SCOTLAND, CT

HON. SAM GEJDENSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 24, 1996*

Mr. GEJDENSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a public servant of exemplary note and a man whom I am genuinely proud to represent, today and every day, Mr. G. Nelson Perry, former first selectman of Scotland, CT.

In November 1995, G. Nelson Perry completed his 32d consecutive year as the first selectman of the town of Scotland. Nelson is to be honored for his 50 years of distinguished and selfless service to his town, his State, and his country.

Nelson was born in Scotland, CT, in 1916 where as a child he attended elementary school in a two-room schoolhouse and later graduated from Windham High School. Immediately upon graduation, at the tender age of 19, he went to work in Hartford, CT, in the payroll department of Hartford Electric Light Co. where he worked diligently for more than 6 years.

Then came World War II, and like so many men of his generation, Nelson enlisted in the Army to serve his country. He fought and served with distinction in the 3d Army in Europe commanded by General Patton. He fought to liberate Europe from the shores of Normandy all the way to Czechoslovakia.

At home on leave from the Army toward the end of his enlistment, Nelson married Eileen Vennard of Manchester, CT, to whom he has remained married during the 52 years since. As the war ended, he returned to Scotland to farm and began to raise a family with his new bride. And Nelson and Eileen have raised a fine family of four sons and two daughters, all brought up in Scotland and instilled with the values taught by their parents and community. Their 6 children have given Nelson and Eileen the blessing of 17 grandchildren who live in Scotland close to their loving grandparents.

Nelson later moved from agriculture and farming to work as a cost accountant with the Amstar Corp. in Sprague, CT. He remained with Amstar in that capacity for 17 years.

It was during this period of professional transition that Nelson began to feel an obliga-

tion and yearning to give something back to the local community which had been so good to him. And so, in 1951, he was elected to the Scotland Board of Education. And Nelson's constituents were inspired by his service to re-elect him to six more 2-year terms, where he served as the board's secretary. In 1955, the Scotland electors elected him a State representative to the Connecticut General Assembly. And in 1963 we urged him to run for first selectman, a position where Nelson has served with distinction ever since.

The hallmarks of Nelson's career in public service have been his defense of the local taxpayer, his sense of bipartisanship, and his desire to remain completely accessible to his constituents.

In the words of one of his friends, Nelson "spends Scotland's money like it was his own." In the process of exercising careful fiscal management of Scotland's finances, Nelson has presided over the building and later expansion of a local elementary school, the fire department has been improved, bridges have been repaired and rebuilt, and Nelson established Scotland's annual Memorial Day celebration which continues today. Nelson has faithfully executed his duties of preparing Scotland's annual budget, issuing permits, producing annual town reports, and many other responsibilities.

G. Nelson Perry has had a remarkable career in public service and is a remarkable citizen of the town of Scotland. It is my honor and pleasure, Mr. Speaker, to share with you and the Members of this House Nelson Perry's achievements, and commend him for a lifetime of personal sacrifice and public service.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. Y. TIM HUTCHINSON

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 24, 1996*

Mr. HUTCHINSON. Mr. Speaker, this past weekend a destructive tornado hit northwest Arkansas. As a result of the devastation which was wrought by this natural disaster, I spent yesterday assisting my constituents in the district and consequently missed two rollcall votes.

I would like the record to show that had I been present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 127 and "yea" on rollcall No. 128.

#### VOLUNTEER SPIRIT IS ALIVE AND WELL IN THE CITY OF HOUSTON

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 24, 1996*

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, fellow Members of the House I rise today to thank and commend the volunteer work of Madgelean Bush, a friend and constituent of mine from Houston, Texas.

On April 19th, Madgelean Bush was named the recipient of the Joint Action in Community Service National Volunteer of the Year Award for 1996.

The Joint Action in Community Service better known as JACS is a national, nonprofit or-

ganization of thousands of volunteers, dedicated to assisting at-risk youths to enter the mainstream of American society. Committed to the key principles of volunteerism and collaboration, JACS has worked for over thirty years with government, business, labor, religious and private organizations to open doors of opportunity for generations of the most disadvantaged young men and women in America.

Nominated for the award by Southwest Regional Director Deloris Kenerson, Ms. Bush was described as "a dedicated, humble, yet dynamic advocate for the Job Corps program." Madgelean and her staff have offered assistance to over 2,400 former Job Corps students in their transition from Job Corps training to community readjustment and the world of work."

Ms. Bush also offers the Job Corps students she is assigned the opportunity to take advantage of the benefits and services of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center's half-way house, where she serves as its Executive Director. With management skills to rival any corporate manager, she supervises a staff of 45 and directs a \$2.5 million in city, country, State, and Federal funds.

When not helping Job Corps youth, she is busy volunteering for a host of other worthy causes. She is affiliated with numerous civic organizations and has served on a variety of boards with concerns ranging from hunger to health, and from youth issues to those of the aged and disabled. She has contributed over two decades of service to the Houston Inter Faith Hunger Coalition, the Riverside Health Clinic Advisory Board, Twilight Chapter #393 Order of the Eastern Star Prince Hall Masons, and the Dobson Elementary Advisory Group. She serves as a Precinct Judge, member of the Texas Democratic Executive Committee Precinct #247, and is a member of the United Methodist Church Conference of Church and Society, as well as the Texas Conference of Churches.

Madgelean Bush is the mother of a grown son and daughter.

I would like to thank you Madgelean for making a life long commitment to volunteerism that is a lesson for us all. You have taught me along with many Houstonians that the individual in this diverse and complex society can make a difference.

#### LOAN GUARANTEES FOR ISRAEL— A GREAT SUCCESS FOR ISRAEL AND U.S. ASSISTANCE

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 24, 1996*

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, in this era when trashing government programs seems to be more politically correct than praising government success, it is a pleasure indeed to call attention to a program that has achieved remarkable success. This is the loan guarantee program that was instituted in 1992, under terms of which the United States Government guaranteed loans to the Government of Israel totally \$2 billion per year for 5 years.

The funds were provided to assist the Government of Israel deal with the massive influx of 700,000 immigrants from the former Soviet Union and other areas. The United States did